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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6873**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 362

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 15, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 14, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Licensure of Dental Hygienists.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill modifies the licensing requirement for a dental hygienist who is licensed in another state. It allows the State Board of Dental Examiners to classify a dental hygienist's license as inactive if the dental hygienist will not practice in Indiana, and allows the Board to issue a license to the holder of an inactive license under certain circumstances. The bill also provides that the application for a health profession license, certificate, registration, or permit is abandoned if the applicant does not complete the requirements for the application within one year, unless the applicant shows good cause for the delay.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) This bill provides that the Board may classify a dental hygienist license inactive if the Board receives written notification from a dental hygienist that he or she does not practice as a dental hygienist in Indiana. This bill also provides that dental hygienists must pay renewal and reinstatement fees, as well as meet the continuing education requirement, to re-activate the license. Currently, the Board has reinstatement requirements for delinquent licenses and those that are invalid due to failure to renew. The requirement is for applicants to pay a penalty fee of \$10 and pay all unpaid and current renewal fees. If this reinstatement requirement is used for inactive licenses as well, the Board should not experience a change in revenue from fees paid by dental hygienists who re-activate their licenses for this purpose.

This bill requires the Health Professions Bureau (HPB), when notifying holders of licenses of the need to renew licenses, to include notification of the need to pay renewal fees. Currently, the HPB is required to send a notice of expiration to certificate and license holders along with renewal forms. This bill provides that the HPB would not have to send renewal forms with the notices, but would be required to include the renewal fee requirement, which could result in minimal administrative expenses.

This bill also provides that the HPB is to consider an application for a license, certificate, registration, or permit as a new application if it is submitted after the abandonment of an application. New application fees would then be applicable. The impact of this provision would be dependent on the number and type of applications abandoned by the HPB.

*Background information:* According to 828 IAC 0.5-2-4 as certified by the Secretary of State on December 2, 2001, the Indiana State Board of Dental Examiners has fees set for dental hygienists license examination, endorsement, and renewal. The fees are as follows: \$150 for exam or re-exam; \$25 for law examination only, \$50 for endorsement; \$50 for biennial renewal; \$25 for intern permit application; \$25 for biennial renewal license; \$10 for verification to another state; and \$10 for duplicate wall license.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Health Professions Bureau.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** 828 IAC 0.5-2-4; 828 IAC 0.5-2-1.